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1. DURING MAY 20 MEETING WITH MACOVESCU I ASKED HIM IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS HE WANTED TO MAKE ON THE DISCUSSIONS ARMITAGE HAD HAD HERE WITH GLIGA AND ANDREI. MACOVESCU SAID HE HAD LITTLE TO ADD, BUT DID WANT TO NOTE FIRST OF ALL THAT HE SAW THE NIMETZ-ARMITAGE MAY 5 DISCUSSION WITH NICOLAE AND ARMITAGE'S TALKS HERE AS A CONTINUATION OF THE TWO MEETINGS HE AND I HAD HAD AND THEREFORE PART OF THE PROCESS OF MAKING SURCE EACH OTHER'S CONCERNS WERE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD. HE WANTED TO STRESS IN PARTICULAR THAT THE BASIC ROMANIAN PREMISE WAS THE NEED TO PRESERVE THE FABRCM OF GOOD RELATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN SO PAINSTAKENLY BUILT UP OVER TIME AND TO DEVELOP THOSE RELATIONS STILL FURTHER. IN ANY RELATIONSHIP, HE CONTINUED, THERE ARE BOUND TO BE ROUGH SPOTS AND IF ONE CAN'T FORESEE THEM THEN AT LEAST EVERY EFFORT NEEDS TO BE MADE TO GET THROUGH THEM CALMLY.

2. SINCE GLIGA HAD TOLD ARMITAGE THAT TWO OF THE THREE INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN THE MAY 5 DISCUSSION
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(GOMA AND TON) WERE NO LONGER UNDER DETENTION, I ASKED MACOVESCU WHAT MORE HE COULD TELL ME ABOUT THE THIRD - VLAD GEORGESCU GIVEN ALSO THE KASSOF KARROF (STATE 09423) AND NICULESCU (STATE 105525) INTEREST. I SAID THIS INTEREST ILLUSTRATED HOW MUCH CONCERN HAD BEEN GENERATED IN THE STATES PRECISELY AMONG THOSE PEOPLE WHO REPRESENTED THE UNIVERSITY CENTERS WHICH WERE

PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ROMANIA.

3. MACOVESCU SAID HE KNEW ONLY THAT GEORGESCU WAS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION, THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH WHOM HE MIGHT HAVE ACTED IMPROPERLY OR WHETHER THE SUSPICIONS WERE EVEN CORRECT. F WENT ON TO SUGGEST THAT NOT ONLY HAD A GESTURE BEEN MADE TOWARD THE U.S. BY TELLING US WHAT THE CHARGES WERE, BUT THAT WE SHOULDN'T GET TOO EXCITED UNTIL WE KNEW WHAT THE RESULTS WOULD BE. HE THEN RECALLED THE CASE OF AN AMERICAN FULLBRIGHTER, AGAINST WHOM CHARGES HAD BEEN BROUGHT AND SUBSEQUENTLY SUSPENDED AND SAID THAT "PERHAPS" SOMETHING SIMILAR COULD HAPPEN HERE IF ONLY ONE WERE PATIENT ENOUGH TO ALLOW TIME TO FIND THE BEST WAY TO SETTLE THINGS. I ANSWERED THAT I VERY MUCH HOPED HIS ANALOGY WOULD APPLY SOON TO GEORGESCU SO AS TO RELIEVE THESE CONCERNS I HAD MENTIONED.

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